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TODAY and TOMORROW

A Refreshing Contrast

EARL Listowel, the new Under-Secretary of State for India, is reported to have told a conference of London representatives of Indian newspapers that he had intense belief in the right of Indians to choose their own form of Government and decide for themselves whether they will eventually stay inside, or go right out of the British Commonwealth.

One must be an extraordinary simpleton to see in these words of Earl Listowel an indication that Britain is at last going to deal fairly by India. We have heard similar or even identical words of lip sympathy for India's political aspirations from every new Secretary or Under Secretary of State for India or Viceroy. Did not Amery himself say on his appointment to his present office that he was most sincerely anxious to see India as a self-governing unit of the British Empire? Did not Wavell express himself more or less to the same effect? But all this has meant nothing in action. On the contrary, the British Raj is more absolutist today than ever before. And every honest patriot who dares to raise his voice against this growing absolutism is clapped into jail.

Earl Listowel avows himself a socialist. But a Britisher in office is first and last an Imperialist, whatever party he may belong to. Ramsay MacDonald's socialism did not prevent him, when he became the Prime Minister of England, from embarking on a policy of ruthless oppression against India in 2590. And the ultra socialist Stafford Cripps, now that he is in the running for a big place in the government of his country, speaks no more of the justice of the claim of the Indian National Congress to represent India, as he did throughout the period from 2590 to 2598. Instead, he wants to fool India with what is called 'Cripps' proposals'—a scheme which the Congress has categorically rejected—and rightly too—because it is no more than an impudent piece of British bluff.

In refreshing contrast to this is Nippon's foreign policy. Explaining this in the course of a speech at a recent dinner given to Adipadi Dr. Ba Maw, Head of the Burmese State, in Tokyo Mr. Mamoru Shigemitsu, the Nipponese Foreign Minister, said, "In the first place no country should remain under the domination of any other power. Every country should enjoy free and complete independence" There is no ambiguity in these words, such as we find in the vague utterances of the Anglo-American would-be architects of the post-war world.

Yes, British politicians may talk of self-government for India every now and then; but their actions, one after another, prove conclusively that they visualise no other future for India except that of a slave dependency.

Adipadi Ba Maw On Free Burma's Steady Progress

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Nation Takes Great Strides In Self-Sufficiency Of Vital War Materials

Tokyo, Nov. 22 (Domei)—Marked strides have been made in all fields, including administrative, economic, technology and military, since the attainment of Burmese independence, Adipadi Ba Maw, Burmese Head of State, who is on an official visit here, declared in the course of an interview with foreign press correspondents at the East Asia Guest Hall today. He stressed that Burma's administrative structure is definitely stable and efficient and for the attainment of this efficiency many radical and revolutionary changes had been made to transform its colonial system of government of the most antiquated type to the modern system of an independent and sovereign state.

In forming administrative policies, Ba Maw said, he had concentrated on three things. Firstly, on a national organization to put the whole manpower on a wartime footing, particularly in the direction of labour, for "it is my intense belief that the ultimate value in the making of the people is concentrated first and foremost in labour".

Secondly, foster technology in Burma. "It is my desire to make the people technically minded and in that direction I have asked and received great help from Nippon", Ba Maw said. "For the prosecution of this policy, technical facilities for education were created and technical works started everywhere possible," he asserted.

Thirdly, "Needless to say Burma should be made self-sufficient in essential war commodities so that it may wage the war, whatever happens, with its own resources as much as possible", Ba Maw said.

"The structure of the Burmese Government is very definitely stabilized", he stressed, adding: "Although I am not boasting, very few states have succeeded in putting through a national revolution without civil bloodshed or violence. We have created not only a new state but a new army without violence, bloodshed and hatred which usually accompany such tremendous tasks".

Asked to give his views on the British blue-print for Burma, Ba Maw said: "The blue-print does not bother us the least bit, for it is just a 'chieffon de papier'." He emphasized that the British are noted for saying one thing and doing another and all their blue-prints, parliamentary declarations and diplomatic declarations lead to nothing."

ENEMY IN DIRE DISTRESS ON LEYTE; PART OF U.S. 24TH DIVISION ENTRAPPED

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Rescue Forces Are Being Annihilated Nippon Move Upsets Invaders' Plans

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Philippines Front, Nov. 22 (Domei)—In a general offensive launched on Nov. 17 against the American forces in the Carigara sector, the Nippon forces, carrying out relentless furious attacks, are threatening to wipe out part of the enemy's 32nd Division dispatched to rescue part of the 24th Division which was encircled by the Nippon forces in the sector west of Carigara.

The enemy recently dispatched part of his 32nd Division to the vicinity of Managasnas to rescue units of his 24th Division which were being seriously battered by the Nippon forces. These units of the 32nd Division, pushing south toward Limon, however, were intercepted by the Nippon forces who are at present inflicting serious losses on them.

Raising a cry of distress the enemy has lately been broadcasting that the American forces have been encircled and are now being furiously attacked by the Nippon forces in the sector north of Limon and that the American artillery is unable to display its full strength owing to the nature of the terrain around Limon.

Manila, November 22 (Domei)—Nippon forces are striking at the fundamental and most vulnerable point of the enemy's invasion strategy, the task force, the Tribune declared today in its editorial commenting upon yesterday's Dai Honyei communique announcing that four enemy warships and eight transports were either sunk or crippled by Nippon air forces. These additional losses, the Tribune pointed out, bring the enemy's toll of warships, transports, tankers and landing ships up to the grand total of 387, a figure which can certainly be said to be unprecedented.

Shocking Enemy Loss Over Kyushu 120 B-29's Downed Or Damaged

Tokyo, November 23 (Domei)—The United States air force in China, since its first costly raid on Kyushu on June 16 this year, has lost 120 B-29's, including 65 shot down and 55 heavily damaged. This total includes the enemy's latest losses sustained on Nov. 21 when our forces bagged 30 Super Fortresses and damaged 33 others over Kyushu and the China continent.

Composite war results since the first B-29 raid on Kyushu follow:

June 16—Out of 20 B-29's raiding northern Kyushu, our interception units shot down seven and heavily damaged three.

Aug. 20—Out of approximately 80 B-29's raiding Kyushu and the Chugoku district, our units shot down 23.

Oct. 25—Out of approximately 100 B-29's raiding Kyushu and Saishu Island, our interception units shot down five and heavily damaged 19.

Nov. 21—Out of 70 to 80 B-29's raiding western Kyushu, our forces shot down 30 and heavily damaged 33. Thus, the enemy losses total 65 shot down and 55 heavily damaged.

Aside from this total, on the night of Oct. 26 the Nippon air forces in China struck at Chengtu where B-29's just back home from their raid on Kyushu on Oct. 25, were parked and blasted or set ablaze 57 of them.

Calculating on the basis of 15 persons aboard each B-29, 975 American airmen have perished with the 65 Super Fortresses shot down. If those heavily damaged are included in this analysis, it can be estimated that the enemy has lost more than 1,500 crew members in his four costly ventures over Kyushu.

PANIC & CONFUSION GRIP BR. DIEHARDS IN LONDON

British diehards in London who are panic-stricken at the mounting violence and irresistible strength of the anti-British revolution in India, are resorting to all sorts of diabolical tricks to suppress the revolution. According to a despatch from London, the new Under Secretary of State for India, Earl Listowel, addressing a Press Conference stated in the typical British hypocritical fashion, that he had intense belief in the right of Indians to choose their own form of Government and decide for themselves whether they will eventually stay inside or go right out of the British Commonwealth. Continuing, Earl Listowel described himself as a Socialist, deeply interested in the welfare of the masses.

According to well-informed observers, the British Under-Secretary's hypocritical speech will not make any impression on the Indians who have been fooled likewise several times in the past by such well-known British politicians as Ramsay MacDonald, and others who deliberately posed themselves as friends of Indians, but who proved themselves the worst enemies of Indian freedom.

Epidemics Ravage Throughout South And Eastern India

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Appalling Loss Of Human Lives; 243,375 Die Of Malaria In Bengal

Widespread epidemics that are furiously raging particularly in the Provinces of Bengal, Bihar and the U.P. in the north, as well as Travancore, Cochin and Malabar in the south, continue to take an appalling toll of Indian lives every day, according to latest news from India.

According to a report from Calcutta, the Government Spokesman announced in the Bengal Legislative Assembly yesterday that 243,375 persons died of malaria alone in the Province of Bengal during the first three months of this year, as against 101,154 during the corresponding period last year, an increase of nearly four times. The Government Spokesman also announced that smallpox claimed 39,425 lives in Bengal during the first five months of this year, as against 8,426 in the corresponding period last year, an increase of five times.

The Spokesman of the Government of Bengal refused to reveal the number of deaths from cholera and other epidemics, which are believed to be appalling.

The epidemic situation in the other provinces is also reported to have worsened as in the Province of Bengal, the total death-roll running into several lakhs per month.

According to well-informed quarters, the lack of medicines and the lack of food are two of the chief causes for worsening of the epidemic situation in general.

Netaji Confers With Gen. Koiso

Tokyo, Nov. 22 (Domei)—Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Head of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind, this afternoon conferred with Premier General Kuniaki Koiso at the latter's official residence.

Shigemitsu Lauds Progress Of Free Burmese Nation

Tokyo, Nov. 21 (Domei)—Mamoru Shigemitsu, Foreign Minister and concurrently Minister of Greater East Asiatic Affairs, in a speech welcoming Adipadi Ba Maw at a dinner given in honour of the Chief of State of Burma this evening, praised the indomitable spirit the Adipadi displayed in serving his fatherland. He said: "Under his leadership the 16 million peoples of Burma are now exerting their utmost efforts for the development of their new state on the very frontline of East Asia—a fact eloquently symbolic of the Joint Declaration of Greater East Asiatic Nations.

"I am indeed happy", Mr Shigemitsu declared, "to say that we place unlimited confidence in Dr. Ba Maw, firmly trusting as we do in the prosperous future of a rising Burma". Explaining briefly the outline of the structure of East Asia, "Which we hope to see established", Mr. Shigemitsu said: "In the first place, no country should remain under the domination of any other power; every country should enjoy free and complete independence. In the second place all nations should strive to promote mutual assistance and amity among themselves based upon respect for each other's independence and equality".

"Our policy", he asserted, "is to exclude none but co-operate with all for the enhancement of world peace. I firmly believe that thus alone will a fair and just international order be created and true peace secured". Continuing, Mr. Shigemitsu stressed that Nippon is now fighting shoulder-to-shoulder with Burma in order to defend the latter against the attack of the Anglo-Americans who are bent upon destroying her independence which was won after years of hard struggle.

Enemy Forces Held At Bay In Holland Sector

Lisbon, Nov. 22 (Domei)—Anglo-American troops battling in the Geilenkirchen sector on the Holland-German border were yesterday hit so heavily by German defensive fire that the major part of the attacking forces were brought to a standstill, according to Berlin dispatches quoting the German High Command.

The battle of Aachen in which anti-Axis forces are making costly sacrifices in men and material, yesterday was reported to have decreased somewhat in violence after the heavy fighting of the last few days, while German forces defending the Maas bridgehead south-east of Helmond, held out successfully against numerous British attacks. In the Lorraine sector, including Metz and east of Saarebourg, German defensive fighting continued, while in the western Vosges area anti-Axis forces confined themselves to a few local attacks, Berlin dispatches said.

Chungking Reshuffle Promises No Solution For Chiang's Troubles

Tokyo, Nov. 22 (Domei)—Chungking's latest Cabinet reshuffle centering around the replacement of General Ho Ying-chin by General Chen Cheng as War Minister, means no solution to the troubles between Chungking and Washington but on the contrary is bound to give rise to new and greater troubles between them, the Asahi Shimbun declared in its editorial this morning.

While this action taken by Chiang Kai-shek will certainly have some "face-saving" effect for Roosevelt in the eyes of ignorant Americans in connection with the recent "Stilwell incident", the paper said, it is only the superficial observer who takes the view that the whole affair represents Chungking's submission to United States pressure.

The point is, the journal stressed, that it is General Chen Cheng who has succeeded General Ho Ying-chin in the war portfolio. It pointed out that General Chen is known to be a staunch leader of those Chungking military officers who advocate continuing the war of resistance without dependence on foreign assistance. The paper recalled it was over this point that General Chen clashed with General Stilwell early this year, resulting in his resignation as Commander-in-Chief of Chungking's Yunnan Expeditionary Forces. This single fact alone would be sufficient to indicate that the latest reshuffle of leaders of the Chungking regime is not one that will bring about any fundamental change in Chungking's stand vis-a-vis the United States, the Asahi declared.

Furthermore, it added, one would be inclined to the view that as far as Chungking is concerned, the whole trend of affairs is quite contrary to what Washington desires. Despite the many mistakes he made, the paper asserted, Chiang remains a staunch advocate of that school of opinion favouring self-support in its war of resistance. It added that the Generalissimo's own words in his 'China's Destiny' and his recent address on the Double Tenth anniversary of China's national revolution clearly indicate that he is still attached to this view as staunchly as ever.

Asserting that Chiang is known to have never yielded on a matter of principle, the journal declared: "The United States is to experience the bitterest disillusionment if it persists in the expectation that Chungking will continue to co-operate in a way satisfactory to Washington in the war in which the United States seeks to pave the war for future exploitation of China on a still larger scale, eventually turning China into 'America's India'."

"Roosevelt thereby may have saved 'face' to some extent, but at the same time he has sown a new seed of resentment among Chungking leaders. The dismissal of General Ho Ying-chin and Dr. H. H. Kung means no solution of the trouble between Chungking and Washington. On the contrary it has certainly paved the way for new and greater troubles between them", the paper concluded.

Daring Exploits Of Nippon Airmen In Kyushu Air Duel Fully Described

An Airbase Somewhere in Kyushu, Nov. 22 (Domei)—The Nippon air defence unit chalked up another convincing record against the China-based American air force when it either shot down or heavily damaged 32 out of 70 or 80 B-29's which again appeared over Kyushu yesterday. Our successful interception operations were highlighted by a small interceptor unit which daringly charged against more than 40 enemy raiders, shooting down three and damaging another in short order.

This unit, led by a major, shot into the sky almost simultaneously with the receipt of the report that an enemy formation was flying over Ariake Bay from a south-easterly direction. Deploying into two formations, one group of our interceptors flew overhead to attack the enemy from the rear. While the American invaders were momentarily distracted by this manoeuvre, our other interceptor formation opened up with a fierce frontal attack, firing away a barrage of machinegun bullets at them.

Speaking of the successful frustration of the enemy raid, Lieutenant Waku said: "As soon as I spotted 15 enemy Super Foretresses heading for Ariake Bay, I saw another formation of 15 and then finally an additional group of 15 warplanes. I concentrated my attack on an enemy bomber among seven, which was flying in the lead. I let loose a fierce barrage of fire, and as soon as I flew past it I manoeuvred my plane around for a look and saw it belching forth a cloud of smoke. Just as it swerved at an angle it spinned into a terrific dive and crashed off Cape Takesaki.

Sergeant Haneda giving his account of the air duel said: "I had the experience of shooting down an enemy raider before and I thought I knew something of his tactics. So I calmly sized up the situation and after flying above to the rear of the enemy target I opened up with a smashing hail of bullets on the bomber's engines. Immediately the enemy machine plunged into an agonizing twisting dive. Strange to say it was not necessary for me to try any unorthodox tricks. I simply applied the tactics taught during training to bag the enemy plane with little trouble".

Sergeant Mashimo who brought down another of the raiders said: "As soon as I caught sight of an enemy formation, I eagerly took up position for an attack. But I saw that the enemy planes were being diverted by the harassing attacks of our interceptors to the rear. As a result I did not receive any counter-fire as I plunged toward the B-29's. Taking careful aim, I fired my machinegun at a bomber which made a motion to climb but slumped forward sharply and plunged into Ariake Bay. It was an exciting battle and a pleasant one at that, with the enemy having an exceptional appetite for our machinegun bullets".

Nippon's Super Fighters Strike Terror In Enemy

Tokyo, Nov. 22 (Domei)—The names of superior Nippon naval fighter planes — the "Reishiki" (Zero) and the "Raiden" (Thunderbolt) — were revealed by the Navy Ministry today.

The "Reishiki" fighter has been in existence even before the outbreak of the War of Greater East Asia and is equipped with powerful firearms which are absolutely indispensable for fighter planes. It possesses extremely high speed and superior circling power. This "Reishiki" fighter plane is commonly called by Nippon frontline officers and men "Reisen", and the "Zero" fighter by the enemy who ever since the "Zero" fighter made its appearance has greatly feared its superior power.

The "Raiden" fighter, sister plane of the "Reishiki", even excels the latter in high performance. These 'Reishiki" and "Raiden" naval fighters took an active role in intercepting and shooting down the enemy's B-29 bombers which raided northern and western Kyushu. The "Reishiki" fighter planes are also being used by the Nippon "Kamikaze" Special Attack Corps which is dealing crushing blows to the enemy in the Philippine sector.

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Chungking Submits To American Pressure

Lisbon, Nov. 21 (Domei)—London's Daily Express and the Manchester Guardian interpreted the Chungking Cabinet reshuffle yesterday as Chiang Kai-shek's submission to American pressure, according to dispatches received here. The Daily Express headline reads: "Stilwell Wins, China Gives Way".

The Manchester Guardian's editorial captioned, "Delayed Action", skeptical about the result of the reshuffle, said that General Ho Ying-chin's retention of the post as Chief of Army General Staff may be designed as a face-saving measure, but will not encourage critics in China and abroad.

Nippon Forces Occupy Chinchengkiang Base

Kwangsi Front, Nov. 22 (Domei)—In their swift westward drive in hot pursuit of remnant enemy forces, Nippon mobile units penetrated through the mountainous sector running to the left side of the Kweichow-Kwangsi railway and by 2.00 p.m. yesterday captured Chinchengkiang, 70 kilometres west of Ishan.

As a result of the fall of Chinchengkiang the route of retreat of the enemy forces operating in the vicinity of Huaiyuan has been cut off.

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